ARE YOU... IN LOVE WITH TOMOKA?
I...
I DON'T!
SO THAT WAS IT!
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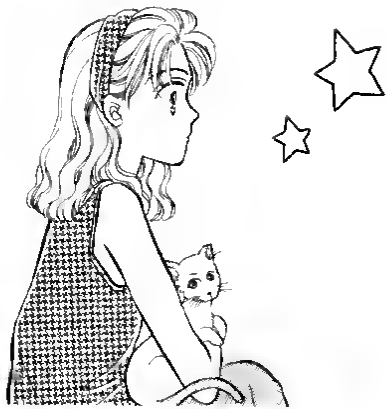

HE MAKES IT SO OBVIOUS!
YOU JUST NOTICED?
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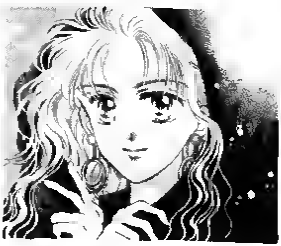
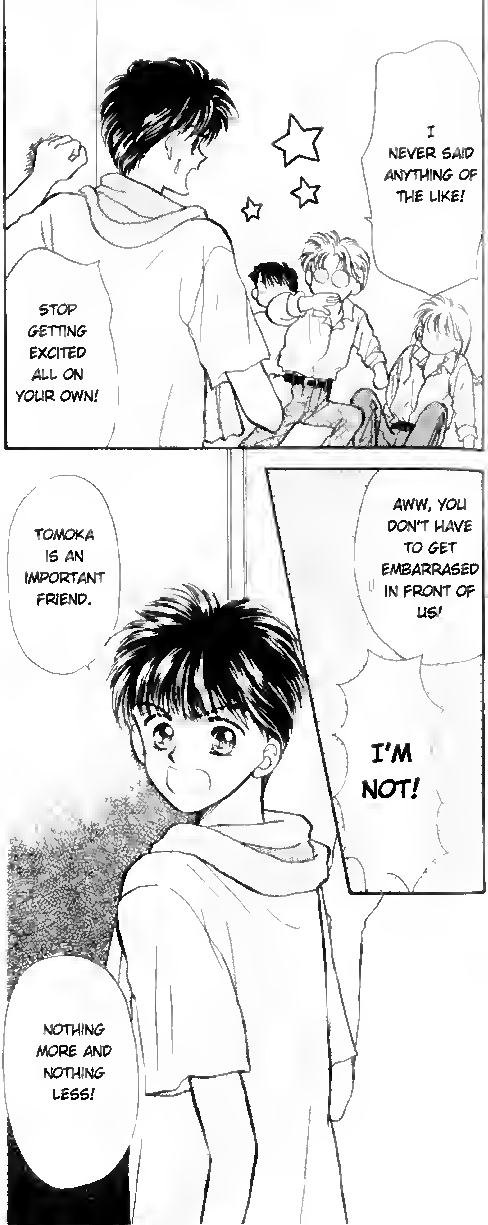
I THOUGHT WE WERE FRIENDS! HAHAHA!
I SEE, I SEE! IF THAT'S THE CASE, YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME!



IT'S NOT THAT ODD, THOUGH, SINCE IT LOOKS LIKE HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW.
AWW, WAS I THE ONLY ONE WHO DIDN'T KNOW?
WHAT DOES HE SEE IN HER?
I GUESS IT'S BETTER TH N INCREASING THE NUMBER OF PERVERTS.
OF COURSE! EERR.. FOR THE BOTH OF THEM!
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I'LL HELP YOU!
FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR BRIGHT FUTURE?
W...
W...
WAIT A SECOND!
"BAM"


I NEVER SAID ANYTHING OF THE LIKE!
STOP GETTING EXCITED ALL ON YOUR OWN!
AWW, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET EMBARRASED IN FRONT OF US!
I'M NOT!
TOMOKA IS AN IMPORTANT FRIEND.
NOTHING MORE AND NOTHING LESS!

"SLAM"
SO WHICH IS IT? AND WHAT OF MY BRIGHT FUTURE?
HEH HEH HEH
HE DOESN'T CHANGE ...
HE STILL HAS THE HABIT OF REVERTING TO STANDARD JAPANESE WHEN HE'S LYING
"CRUNCH CRUNCH"
HEY, HEY!
THERE'S MORE, SO YOU CAN EAT SLOWER
GOOD MORNING, SERIKA-SAN!
MORNING. YOU'RE UP SO EARLY!

TAMOTSU'S BROTHER AND HIS GIRLFRIEND LEFT A LONG TIME AGO.
YOU GUYS ARE JUST UP SO LATE WHAT TIME DID YOU THINK IT WAS?

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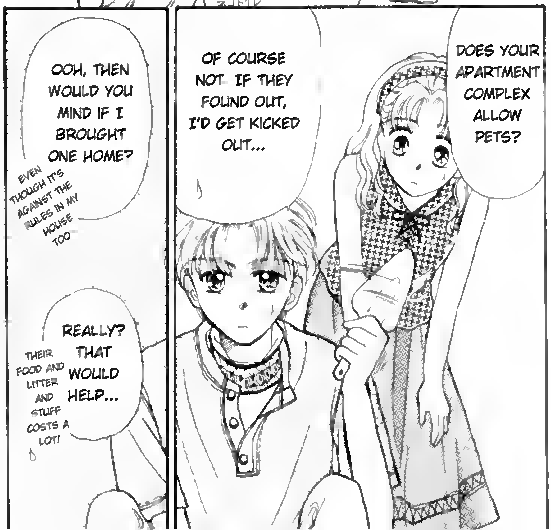
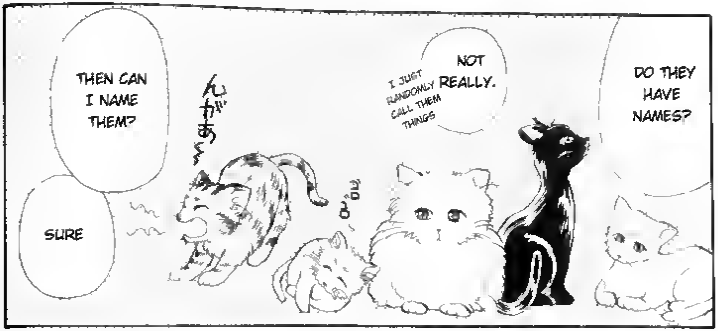
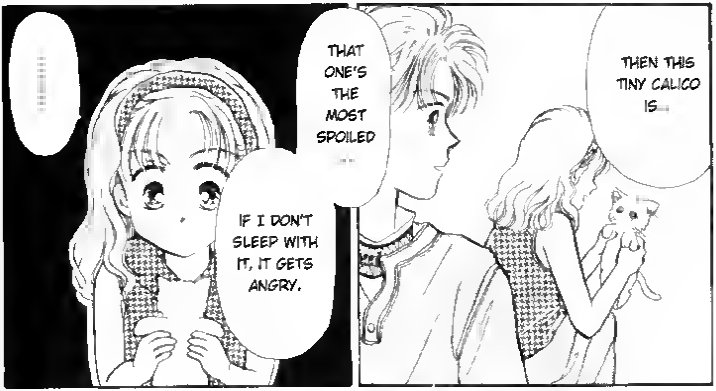
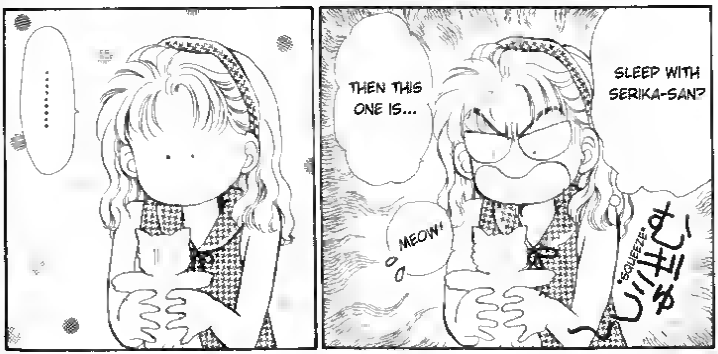

OOH, THEN WOULD YOU MIND IF I BROUGHT ONE HOME?
EVEN THOUGH IT'S AGAINST THE RULES IN MY HOUSE TOO
REALLY? THAT WOULD HELP...
THEIR FOOD AND LITTER AND STUFF COSTS A LOT!
OF COURSE NOT IF THEY FOUND OUT, I'D GET KICKED OUT...
DOES YOUR APARTMENT COMPLEX ALLOW PETS?


THEN CAN I NAME THEM?
SURE
NOT REALLY.
I JUST RANDOMLY CALL THEM THINGS
DO THEY HAVE NAMES?


THAT ONE'S THE MOST SPOILED...
IF I DON'T SLEEP WITH IT, IT GETS ANGRY.
THEN THIS TINY CALICO IS...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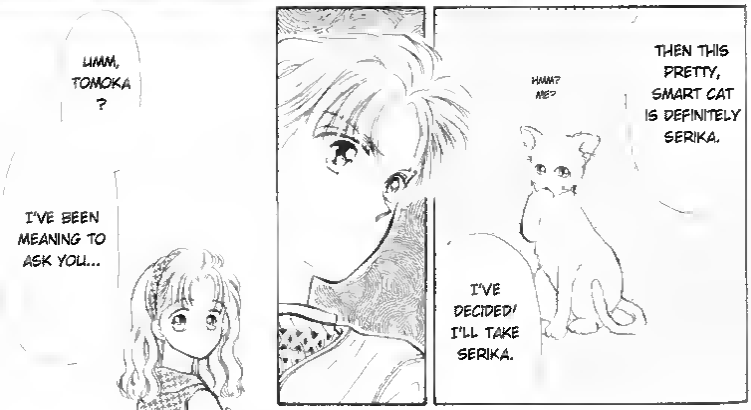
THEN THIS ONE IS...
SLEEP WITH SERIKA-SAN?
MEOW!
"SQUEEZE"

TOMOKA ♡
JUST THINKING ABOUT YOU CALLING MY NAME WHEN I'M NOT AROUND MAKES ME ALL DIZZY AND LIGHTHEADED.♡
IS IT OKAY?
FINE.
IT MAKES ME DIZZY TOO IN A DIFFERENT WAY


THEN THIS PRETTY, SMART CAT IS DEFINITELY SERIKA.
HMM? ME?
I'VE DECIDED! I'LL TAKE SERIKA.
UMM, TOMOKA ?
I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK YOU...

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
WHA?
SERIOUS
TO DO?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
WHAT IS THIS? SO SUDDEN...
YOU TOLD ME YOU LIKED ME, RIGHT?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST BEING STUBBORN TO HIDE THE SHOCK OF FINDING OUT I WAS A WOMAN, SO I DIDN'T TAKE YOU TOO SERIOUSLY..
I FIGURED YOU'D GET OVER IT BY YOURSELF SOON ENOUGH, SO...
BUT YOU'VE BEEN LIKE THIS FOR A WHILE

I WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT KINDS OF THINGS YOU WERE EXPECTING FROM ME.
YOU'RE SERIOUS TO THE CORE, AREN'T YOU?
ANYONE ELSE WOULD'VE JUST IGNORED IT.
YOU JUST PRETEND TO BE DETACHED
AND YET YOU'RE REALLY A SOFTY UNDERNEATH.
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WHAT?
I LIKE THOSE THINGS ABOUT YOU ♡
.....
I TOLD YOU YESTERDAY THAT I DIDN'T WANT ANYTHING FROM YOU...
BUT I'D LIKE TO GO SHOPPING TOGETHER SOMETIMES
OR WATCH MOVIES WITH YOU

I THOUGHT...
GIRLS DO THAT TOGETHER ALL THE TIME
OH, THAT'S IT?
AND I'D KIND OF LIKE TO GO TO AN AMUSEMENT PARK TOGETHER
!!
...WHAT WERE YOU ASSUMING?
THEN...
HEY! STOP PICTURING IT!
WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?

IT'S REALLY
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT
LET'S SLEEP TOGETHER EVERY NIGHT, SERIKA! ♡
HUG
SQUISH

HEY! TAKE, NO! THAT'S NOT YOUR TOILET!
YAWN

UHH.. WHAT?
THIS CAT'S NAME IS TAKE, TOO.
THERE WERE PERFECTLY FIVE OF THEM, SO I NAMED THEM AFTER EVERYONE
THE CRAFTY LITTLE TABBY IS ARATA...
THE BLACK CAT WITH A SHARP GLARE IS TAMOTSU.
WHY AM I THIS FAT THING ?
BECAUSE YOU'RE BOTH THE BIGGEST AND YOU HAVE A LOT OF HAIR
HAHAHA, THAT'S SO TRUE!
UNBE-LIEV-ABLE ...
WOULD A NORMAL PERSON NAME A BLACK CAT AFTER SOMEONE ?
HOW?
YOU TWO ARE THE SAME!
YOU'RE BOTH ANTISO-CIAL.

GOOD AFTER-NOON, SLEEPY-HEAD.
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WHY ARE YOU BLUSHING?
HE SAYS YOUR SHIRT IS SO LOW-CUT THAT HE CAN SEE YOUR CHEST!
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WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING, PERVERT !?
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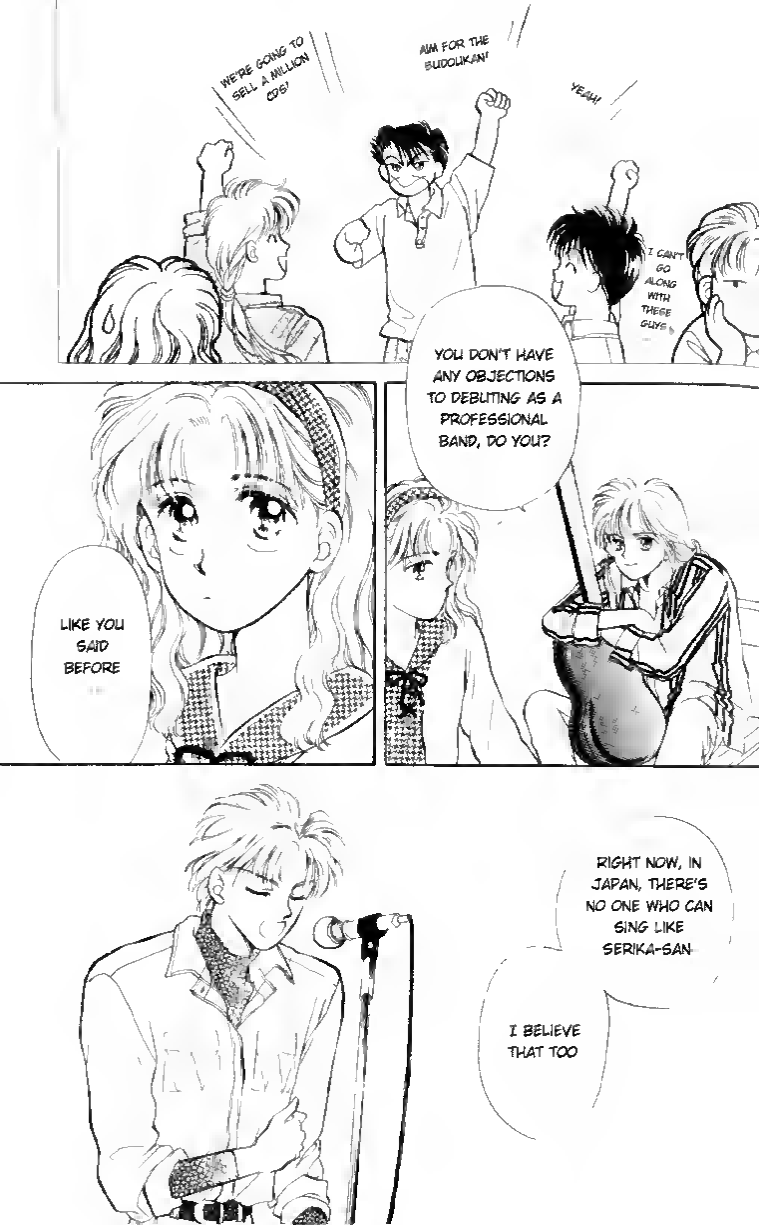
I-I WASN'T !
YOU JERK !
TAKE! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO LOOKED!
YOU'RE HORRIBLE!

HUH? TAKE-CHAN, YOU DIDN'T GO TO TOWN WITH EVERYONE ELSE?
バタン!
YOU DIDN'T EITHER?
ジャーン
I DIDN'T GO BECAUSE I WASN'T FEELING WELL, AND I WANTED TO FINISH THIS SONG
WOW, YOU'RE REALLY INTO THIS TOO.
THERE'S AT LEAST ONE OTHER PERSON WHO'S WORKING HIMSELF INTO A FRENZY FOR IT
ALL RIGHT, WE'RE GOING THROUGH THIS AGAIN! THE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND EVEN THE COUNTRYWIDE CONTEST ARE JUST PIT STOPS!
OUR GOAL IS TO BE NUMBER ONE IN ALL OF JAPAN!


WE'RE GOING TO SELL A MILLION CDS!
AIM FOR THE BUDOUKAN!
YEAH!
I CAN'T GO ALONG WITH THESE GUYS
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO DEBUTING AS A PROFESSIONAL BAND, DO YOU?
LIKE YOU SAID BEFORE
RIGHT NOW, IN JAPAN, THERE'S NO ONE WHO CAN SING LIKE SERIKA-SAN
I BELIEVE THAT TOO

IF IT'S FOR THAT KIND OF TALENT ...
I'D DO ANYTHING.
FOR ME, WHEN I FIRST HEARD HER ...
IT COMPLETELY PISSED ME OFF.
HUH?! WHY?
CAN YOU SING?
YOU'VE GOT THE TYPE OF VOICE THAT I LIKE.
THE FIRST TIME I HEARD HER SING ...
IT WAS LIKE SOMEONE HIT ME, HARD.
I GET GOOSEBUMPS, EVEN NOW ...
JUST LISTENING TO HER.

A GIRL?! YOU'RE KIDDING!
NO, IT'S TRUE
FORMAL
COMPARED TO THE WAY SHE SANG, OUR MUSIC WAS JUST A CHILD'S PLAY
I HATED HAVING TO ADMIT THAT
I'VE NEVER BEEN TOLD THAT I HAD A GOOD VOICE...
I DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE TO HER...
HAIR WAS SHORTER BEFORE
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I EVER FELT THAT WAY TOWARDS A GIRL

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE ABLE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING SERIOUS
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YOU DEFINITELY HAVE SOME KIND OF MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT ME
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE ALWAYS FOOLING AROUND
!
EVEN WITH ERIKO!
YOU KNOW HOW SHE FEELS, AND YOU STILL ACT LIKE THAT AROUND HER

IN MY DEFENSE
AT THE BEGINNING, I *DID* REFUSE HER IN ALL SINCERITY...
BUT AFTER THAT, SHE STARTED ATTACKING ME WITH PRESENTS AND PHONE CALLS EVERY DAY.
OHOHO HOHO!
THE WORLD REVOLVES AROUND ME!
I'M NORMALLY NICE TO GIRLS, BUT AFTER A WHILE OF THAT, EVEN I CAN SNAP.
EVERY DAY? I COULD IMAGINE IT FROM ERIKO THOUGH
TCH
WHEN YOU SUDDENLY ASKED ME OUT AT THE PARTY AND AT THE LIBRARY ...
I GET IT!
EEP! SHE FOUND OUT!
YOU WERE JUST TRYING TO GET ERIKO OFF YOUR BACK!
WEREN'T YOU?

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH ERIKO HATES ME NOW?!
I-I'M SORRY ALREADY!
BUT...
I WOULDN'T SAY THINGS LIKE THAT TO SOMEONE I DIDN'T LIKE AT ALL, EVEN AS A JOKE.
IF YOU'LL ACCEPT MY OFFER, I'LL EVEN DUMP ALL THE GIRLS I'M GOING OUT WITH RIGHT NOW!
WHAT IF I WANTED YOU TO CUT YOUR HAIR?
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I SEE, TO YOU, I'M NOT EVEN AS IMPORTANT AS YOUR *HAIR*
TOMOKA-CHAN, THAT'S UNFAIR!
"SLAM"
KYAAAAA!
!!!
LEND ME YOUR EAR, TOMOKA.
I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING GOOD.

WHAT?
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WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
WHAT HAPPENED, TOMOKA?!
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OWW! THAT HURTS!
HUH? ARATA-KUN? WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WHAT THE HECK DID HE DO TO YOU, ANYWAY?
HE LICKED MY EAR!

TOMOKA, I LEFT THE SCORE* IN MY ROOM... WOULD YOU MIND GETTING IT FOR ME?
OH, OKAY.
(*NOTE: SCORE = SHEET MUSIC.)
I LET MY GUARD DOWN FOR A SECOND, AND THIS!
YOU'RE THE WORST!
IT WAS A SUDDEN IMPULSE
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"SLAM"
WHAT?
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
"SNOOSH"

AAH!
WAIT A SECOND!
I DON'T REMEMBER DOING ANYTHING ...
THAT WOULD MERIT GETTING BEATEN UP BY YOU

"TOMOKA IS AN IMPORTANT FRIEND"
"NOTHING MORE AND NOTHING LESS!"
OW OW OW ...
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU SAID?
I CAN'T STAND IT
WHEN A GUY OTHER THAN ME TOUCHES HER...
I CAN'T STAND IT!

WHAT?
FINALLY
THE TRUTH CAME OUT
YOU'RE SO SLOW.
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COMPLAIN IF SOMEONE TOOK HER FIRST.
YOU DIDN'T DO THAT ON PURPOSE BECAUSE YOU KNEW I WAS THERE -- RIGHT?
I HAVE NO IDEA!
RIGHT, TOMOKA?

UM, I FORGOT TO ASK YOU WHERE IT WAS IN YOUR ROOM.
!
BLUSH
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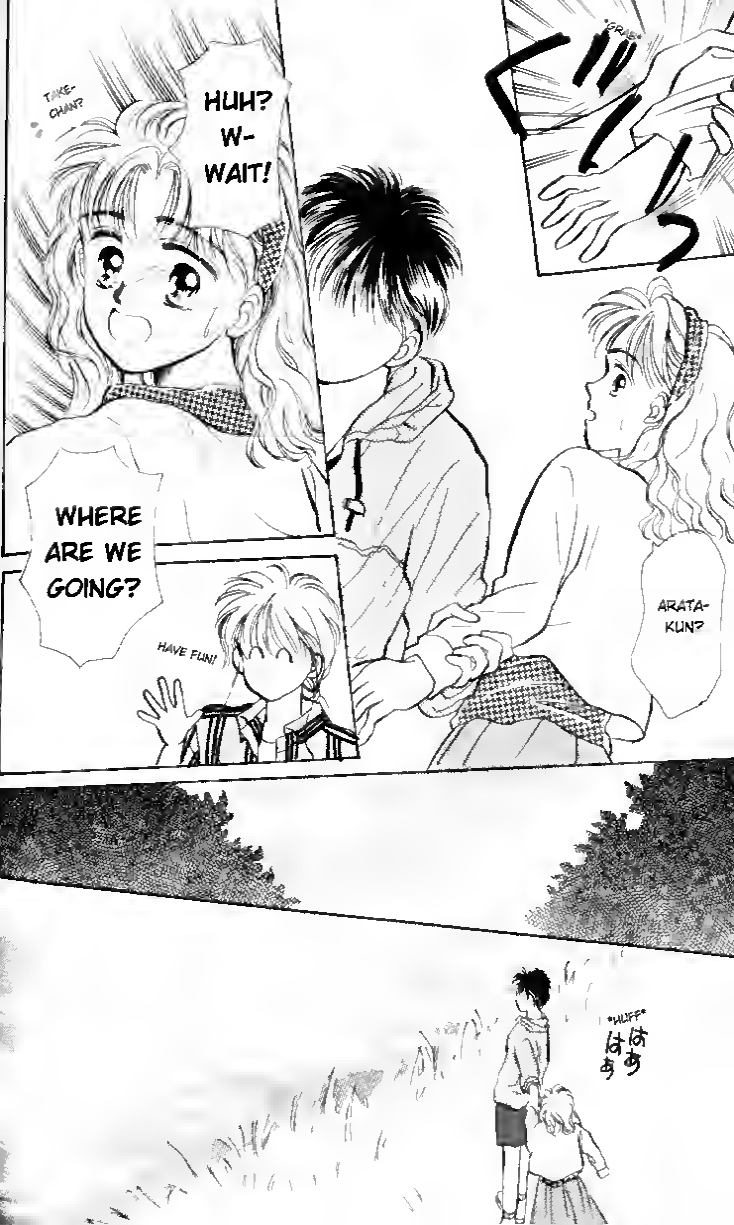
TAKE-CHAN?
HUH? W-WAIT!
ARATA-KUN?
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
HAVE FUN!
"HUFF"
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"SPLASH"
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ざばざばっ
"SPLASH"
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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ばっ
KYAA!
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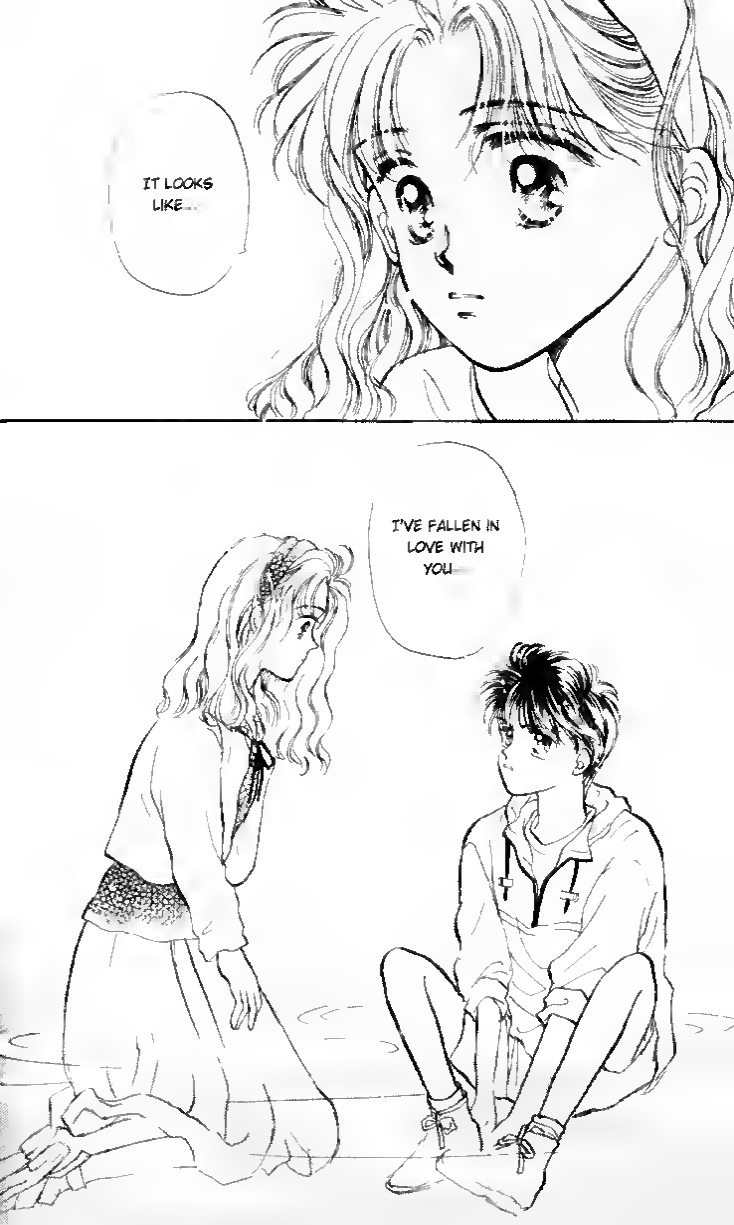
STARTING YESTER-DAY...
WE'RE ALWAYS GETTING WET!
ミサ...
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO INTERPRET THAT?
WHEN A GUY OTHER THAN ME TOUCHES HER...
YOU'VE BEEN ACTING WEIRD LATELY, ARATA-KUN
NOT LIKE YOURSELF.
WAS HE TALKING ABOUT ME?
IF HE WAS, THEN..

HOW DO I LOOK IN YOUR EYES?
OH? WHAT DOES ACTING LIKE ME MEAN, THEN?
YOU'RE ALWAYS ENERGETIC AND CHEERFUL
KIND AND GENTLE.
THE ONLY PERSON WHO UNDERSTANDS ME, AND
I LIKE YOU.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I'VE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH YOU...

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